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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1340

CINCPACAF & 13AF FOR CC

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, MMOL, IO, SN
SUBJECT: REPORTS ON U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT USE OF SINGAPORE
FACILITIES

REFS: (A) SINGAPORE 1306, (B) SINGAPORE 1304

1. ENQUIRIES CONTINUE ON BBC STORY CONCERNING US AIR FORCE FLIGHTS
USING SINGAPORE FACILITIES. RICHARD GILL OF MELBOURNE HERALD
CALLED AND ASKED IF WE WERE SPECIFICALLY DENYING THAT MAC
C 141 FLIGHTS USE SINGAPORE'S TENGAH AND SELETAR AIR FIELDS ON
TRIPS TO AND FROM DIEGO GARCIA. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID
HE WOULD CHECK AND CALL BACK. GILL RESPONDED THAT WAS NO NEED
SINCE HE ALREADY HAD INFORMATION FROM OTHER EMBASSY PERSONNEL
AND UNIDENTIFIED GOS OFFICIALS, BOTH OF WHICH WE DOUBT. SINCE GILL IS
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AUSTRALIAN WE SUSPECT HE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM RAAF PERSONNEL
AT TENGAH.

2. WE HAVE PRESS GUIDANCE ON MAC FLIGHTS WHICH WAS CLEARED BY
SINGAPORE MFA, WHICH STATES, QUOTE:

MAC SUPPLY FLIGHTS

MAC SUPPLY FLIGHTS TRANSITING SINGAPORE MAY BE NOTICED BY GROUND OBSERVERS AND MUST BE PROMPTLY CONFIRMED IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA QUERY. YOU MAY CONFIRM THAT THESE FLIGHTS ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE U.S. FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA. YOU MAY ALSO STATE THAT U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAVE ROUTINELY TRANSITED SINGAPORE FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO AND FROM A NUMBER OF PLACES, DIEGO GARCIA ON A FEW OCCASIONS BEING AMONG THEM. AVOID SPECIFICS ON FREQUENCY OF THE FLIGHTS AND USE ONLY GENERAL TERMS IN DESCRIBING CARGO DESTINED FOR THE ISLAND. UNQUOTE

3. FOR CANBERRA: ADVISE IF GILL STORY PUBLISHED.

4. FOR DEPT: REQUEST CONCURRENCE WITH QUOTED STATEMENT PARA 2 ABOVE. WE WILL OF COURSE INFORM GOS BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION.
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